

REMARKS

Upon receipt of the Notice of Allowance, this Application was carefully reviewed prior to payment of the Issue Fee. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-2, 4-13, 25-28, 30-33, 39, 41-43, and 45-47. However, Applicants have amended Claim 45 to correct a typographical error in allowed Claim 45. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment does not affect the merits of the application and is proper subject matter for an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. Applicants respectfully request the entry of amended Claim 45.

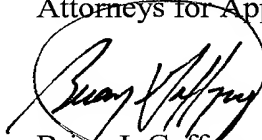
CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of all pending Claims.

Applicants believe that no fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If the Examiner feels that a conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, Brian J. Gaffney stands willing to conduct such a telephone interview at the convenience of the Examiner. Mr. Gaffney may be reached at (214) 953-6682.

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